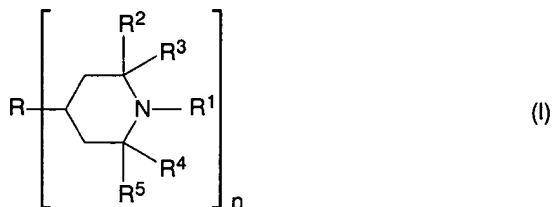


A P P E N D I X I:

THE LISTING OF CLAIMS (version with markings, showing the changes made):

1. (currently amended) A process for preparing a fiber and film-forming [~~polyamides~~] polyamide, which comprises polymerizing starting monomers or starting oligomers in the presence of at least one compound of the formula (I)



R is a C₁-C₂₀ aliphatic saturated hydrocarbon R⁸ which bears 1-4 identical or different amide-forming groups R⁷,

R¹ is H, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, cycloalkyl, benzyl or OR⁶, [where]

R⁶ is H, C₁-C₂₀-alkyl, cycloalkyl or benzyl,

R⁷ is selected from the group consisting of -(NH)-, -(NHR⁹), carboxyl and carboxyl derivative groups,

R⁹ is [~~being~~] H, alkyl having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having from 3 to 10 carbon atoms or alkylene having from 2 to 20 carbon atoms,

R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are independently C₁-C₁₀-alkyl,

n is a natural number greater than 1,

wherein the piperidine derivatives attached to R [~~being~~] are identical or different with regard to the substituents[~~meaning~~] R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵, and

wherein the compound of the formula I is added to the starting monomers or to the polymerizing reaction mixture and becomes attached to the polyamide through reaction of at least one of the amide-forming groups R⁷, and

allowing the polymerization to proceed until the polyamide exhibits a degree of polymerization which renders the polyamide capable of forming fibers or films.

2. (currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the piperidine derivatives attached to R are identical with regard to the substituents[~~meaning~~] R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵.

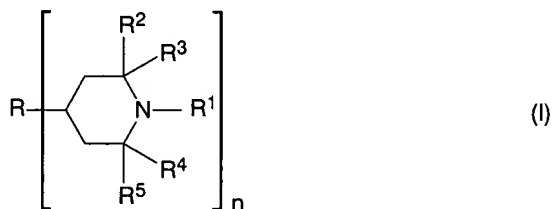
3. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein R¹ is H.

4. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and R^5 substituents on any one piperidine derivative are identical.
5. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^2 on any one piperidine derivative is methyl.
6. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein n is 2.
7. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein R is a group of the formula $-NH-R^8-NH-$ where R^8 is alkylene having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms.
8. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein R is $-NH-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-CH_2-NH-$.
9. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymerizing is carried out in the presence of at least one pigment.
10. (canceled)
11. (previously amended) A polyamide obtainable by a process as claimed in claim 1.
12. (previously amended) A process for preparing filaments and fibers, which process comprises melt spinning a polyamide as claimed in claim 11.
13. (previously amended) Filaments, fibers, films, sheets and moldings comprising a polyamide as claimed in claim 11.
14. (new) The process of claim 1 wherein the hydrocarbon R^8 bears groups R^7 selected from $-(NH)-$, $-(NHR^9)$ and carboxyl groups.

A P P E N D I X II:

THE AMENDED CLAIMS (clean version of all claims):

- D' 1. (currently amended) A process for preparing a fiber and film-forming polyamide, which comprises polymerizing starting monomers or starting oligomers in the presence of at least one compound of the formula (I)



R is a C₁-C₂₀ aliphatic saturated hydrocarbon R⁸ which bears 1-4 identical or different amide-forming groups R⁷,

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R⁹ is H, alkyl having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms, cycloalkyl having from 3 to 10 carbon atoms or alkylene having from 2 to 20 carbon atoms,

R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are independently C₁-C₁₀-alkyl,

n is a natural number greater than 1,

wherein the piperidine derivatives attached to R are identical or different with regard to the substituents R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵, and

wherein the compound of the formula I is added to the starting monomers or to the polymerizing reaction mixture and becomes attached to the polyamide through reaction of at least one of the amide-forming groups R⁷, and

allowing the polymerization to proceed until the polyamide exhibits a degree of polymerization which renders the polyamide capable of forming fibers or films.

2. (currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the piperidine derivatives attached to R are identical with regard to the substituents R¹, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵.
3. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein R¹ is H.

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4. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ substituents on any one piperidine derivative are identical.
 5. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein R² on any one piperidine derivative is methyl.
 6. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein n is 2.
 7. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein R is a group of the formula -NH-R⁸-NH- where R⁸ is alkylene having from 1 to 20 carbon atoms.
 8. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein R is -NH-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-CH₂-NH-.
 9. (previously amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the polymerizing is carried out in the presence of at least one pigment.
 11. (previously amended) A polyamide obtainable by a process as claimed in claim 1.
 12. (previously amended) A process for preparing filaments and fibers, which process comprises melt spinning a polyamide as claimed in claim 11.
 13. (previously amended) Filaments, fibers, films, sheets and moldings comprising a polyamide as claimed in claim 11.
 14. (new) The process of claim 1 wherein the hydrocarbon R⁸ bears groups R⁷ selected from -(NH)-, -(NHR⁹) and carboxyl groups.
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